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GIRLS AND BOYS SOLD INTO VICE

CHICAGO MATRON TELLS
HOW WOMEN, 50, SECURE
VICTIMS FOR TRAFFIC

GIRLS ALLURED BY BAIT
OF FINE CLOTHES

SHIPPED TO OTHER STATES
WHERE THEY ARE FORCED
INTO SLAVERY

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 18.—Charging that Chicago has women who make it a lucrative business to procure girls for houses of ill-fame in other states, including Oklahoma, and telling of the perils that lurk in supposedly safe places—even elevated trains—for both girls and boys is the story told today by Mrs. Chas. E. Merriam, wife of the Midway alderman. But the perils to young girls in amusement places—particularly the dance halls—was the topic to which Mrs. Merriam referred chiefly.

"Boys are no more safe than the girls," she said. "Women of 50, who should be mothers to boys, are their Nemesis, as I have seen in the dance halls in the investigations I have made. But the dance halls do not contain all the perils.

"A high school girl was confused in taking an express train on the elevated. Her confusion was apparent to a woman passenger in furs, beaming under a hat with a paradise feather.

"Do you know of a girl who would like some second hand clothes?" the woman inquired. "Would you not yourself like some pretty clothes—a dress every week?"

"The girl assured the stylish woman that her mother would not allow her to have so many gowns. When the bedecked woman learned the girl was familiar with Chicago ways the former vanished.

"In a State street restaurant not long ago another girl sat at a table with a woman who dropped a powder into a glass of water. Then the woman dropped her purse. When the girl stooped to pick it up the glasses of water were exchanged. The girl became ill and the woman called a taxi for her 'niece.' Two of my friends interfered, knowing that the girl was not the woman's niece, and remained with the girl until she was conscious. The elevator man said such incidents often happened.

"The surroundings of girls in hotels are immoral. A woman should be appointed to protect the girls in hotels and restaurants where 'tipping' leads to the disappearance of girls, especially the pretty girls.

"But perils lurk in other places—at the bathing beaches, the motion picture shows, the rest rooms of the department stores and everywhere.

"A mother would think that her daughter would be safe in the dance hall where three policemen and sometimes six were present, but this is not the case. Entire families go to the dance halls, and the mothers with the babies leave for home early. The older boys and girls stay behind for the extra hours that the special bar permits allow. If there were no special bar permits the family would all go home together.

"The girls, however, remain at the dance halls unprotected, where the policemen will tolerate everything but a fight.

"I have seen girls so intoxicated they must be dressed for home at the dance halls. Do you think that they will go home in such a condition? I doubt it."

WHITE SLAVERS TAKEN TO FEDERAL PRISON

Deputy United States Marshals Duke Stallings and J. A. Mulkey, left for the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth today with four prisoners, all of them convicted of white slavery. The men were sentenced to 4 years each, on 5 counts, making their terms 20 years. The sentences, however, run concurrently.

CUSHING POSTMASTER IS FREED BY COURT

CASE AGAINST A. H. HOLLAND,
FORMER POSTMASTER IN OIL
TOWN, DISMISSED

On motion of Judge Frank Dale, the indictment against A. H. Holland, former postmaster of Cushing, on a charge of embezzlement of postal receipts, was dismissed in federal court yesterday, by United States Attorney John A. Fain. It is possible, however, that another indictment will be returned against Holland.

Holland was postmaster at Cushing prior and during the oil boom days. When the big rush came he was without help to take care of the vastly increased business and on his own initiative he hired help to dispatch the work, paying them salaries from the receipts of the office. It appears that a careful account of the expenditures was not kept, and when the government inspector took charge of the office Holland was checked up short.

MANY PEOPLE HERE DURING COURT SESSION

Sessions of the federal court bring many visitors to Guthrie. During the special term of court more than 300 witnesses were in attendance. The regular term now on has brought more than 400 strangers to the city and 500 subpoenas have been issued for witnesses before the grand jury that was empaneled this morning. It is figured that each witness remains in the city on an average of 3 days and spends not less than \$5.00 per day. Many take occasion to do their shopping during their enforced attendance in court.

LOAN COMPANY MEN TO BE SENTENCED

J. K. Wilson and O. G. Bentley, officers of the Prudential Loan Company of Oklahoma City, who were found guilty last week on a charge of using the United States mails to further a fraud will be sentenced by Judge Cotteral in federal court here Friday morning. It is understood that the men will ask for a new trial and failing in that will appeal to the circuit court at St. Louis. T. S. Downey the third member of the company indicted, was not tried at this term of court on account of being seriously ill and unable to appear in court. His case will come up at the March term of court.

COTTON BY TRAIN LOAD FOR RUSSIAN WEAR

Butte, Mont., Feb. 18.—During the last two weeks many train loads of cotton have been rushed across this state for Seattle, at which port steamers are waiting to take the cotton to the Russian empire, where it will be made into uniforms for the army. Each train consists of from thirty to forty cars, it is said.

MAN MYSTERIOUSLY SHOT, IS AT POINT OF DEATH

Claremore, Feb. 18.—A man giving the name of John Cofer lies here at the point of death as the result of having been shot in Claremore late Tuesday night. The man was found near the Athletic hall and near him were two Colts revolvers, a .38 and .32, one chamber of the latter having been discharged. A .32-caliber bullet had entered the man's chin, completely shattering the bone and ranging downward. While Cofer claims he knows who did the shooting he refuses to give the name of his assailant. Cofer arrived in Claremore from Tulsa Tuesday afternoon, but aside from this fact nothing is known by the authorities and the man refuses to tell anything of his past.

OKLAHOMA APPOINTMENTS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—The following Oklahoma postoffice nominations were sent to the senate Wednesday by President Wilson: Dustin, Calvin R. Lockhart; Lone Wolf, Edgar R. Christopher.

Curling, a Sport Which Has Become Popular This Winter



PRIZE FIGHT SCHEDULED FOR TULSA

WILL STAGE BOXING MATCH
UNDER NEW LAW; FLYNN
TO MEET MORRIS

Tulsa, Feb. 18.—That Tulsa is to be the scene of the first big boxing match under the pending legislative bill legalizing the game in Oklahoma is the assurance of Bill McCarney, manager of Carl Morris. He has canceled the engagement between Morris and Gunboat Smith at Joplin for February 22 and will bring it to Tulsa on that date or soon after that if the bill passes the state solons in time.

Morris has announced 10-round bouts with Tom McCann at Pittsburgh on March 10 and Jim Flynn at Brooklyn at a later date, as yet not fixed.

FIANCEE AT ALTAR SAW GLASS EYE AND FLED

Detroit, Feb. 18.—Stanislaus has a blue gray eye.

An artist in optometry made that eye. It looks natural to all except the eyes of love. That's the trouble. So many women love Stanislaus.

Stanislaus makes \$5 a day at the Ford plant. Recently he and his wife were divorced and to maintain his \$5-a-day standing he determined to remarry.

WOMAN DEMANDS JURY OF FEMALES

Denver, Colo., Feb. 18.—Establishing a precedent for Colorado, O. C. Hilton attorney for Mrs. Charles C. Fowler, defendant in divorce proceedings brought by her husband, a physician, today demanded that a jury of women be empaneled for the trial. The court ruled against him.

The Fowlers came to Colorado from Garden City, Kan., eight years ago. In 1910 Doctor Fowler filed suit against his wife, charging cruelty, jealousy and personal abuse. He was granted a divorce, but Mrs. Fowler carried the case to the supreme court and had it annulled. While the case was in statu quo, Mrs. Fowler fled to Garden City with her 3-year-old daughter.

Complain About Milk.
Complaint has been made by housewives over the watery condition of milk delivered to them lately. The health officer has been asked to investigate.

The old Scotch sport of curling played by a few in the United States for nearly 100 years, has become very popular this winter, particularly as a winter amusement for members of golf clubs. In Canada it is played from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and about Manitoba numbers its devotees by the thousand.

EWING WINS IN COLORED AGGIE FIGHT

CRUEL ECONOMISTS AGAIN
LOSE FIGHT, \$29,000 VOT-
ED TO LANGSTON

Special to The Daily Leader.

Oklahoma City, Feb. 18.—A bill appropriating \$29,000 for the installation of waterworks and sewerage system at the colored agricultural and normal school, Langston, was passed by the house of representatives last night over vigorous objection by a handful of "cruel economists," led by Representative O. C. Childers of Garfield county.

The fight was based largely on racial grounds and the assertion that the appropriation was extravagant and unnecessary. Representative C. D. Pinkham, James H. Sykes, Wash. Hudson and Thomas H. Hunter spoke in favor of the bill. Representatives R. J. Morgan, Asa E. Walden and Henry W. Stitt opposed it.

Opponents took the position that the state had already done enough and was doing enough for the education and uplift of the negro, and that it would not be justified in appropriating the amount proposed.

The bill was passed by a vote of 29 to 29. The house also passed fin-

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30 DAYS LEFT IN WHICH TO FILE

NOMINATION PETITIONS MUST
CONTAIN AT LEAST 25 NAMES
AND FILED WITH CLERK

Guthrie men who expect to enter the lists for the nomination in the race for commissioner of public safety and members of the city school board must file their petitions with City Clerk Dunham between now and 12 o'clock on the night of March 23. The primaries will take place March 24th. All petitions must be filed out and filed 92 days prior to that time. A number of candidates for commissioner have already announced. So far no one has announced for the school board. Each candidate must have on his petition 25 qualified voters of the city and it would be well for each candidate to have twice that number to insure safety.

MONRONEY AT HEAD OF MASONS

STATE MASONIC GRAND
LODGE CLOSES WITH
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

With the election of new officers the work of the state grand lodge of Masons practically closed, although a session was held Thursday morning to clean up odds and ends.

The registration list showed \$18 grand lodge members present.

The lodge, as a body, contemplated going to Darlington to inspect the masonic home. This plan was abandoned and individual members will go with a special committee.

Newly elected and appointed officers are as follows:

Elected.
M. W. Grand Master, Almer Ellis (McMonroe); R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Arthur James Weir; R. W. Grand Senior Warden, Samuel Wilson Hogan; R. W. Grand Junior Warden, Joseph William Morris; R. W. Grand Treasurer, Leo Edmond Bennett; R. W. Grand Secretary, William Moser Anderson; R. W. Grand Lecturer, David Durand Hoag; R. W. Grand Organist, Woodson E. Norvell.

Appointed.
W. Grand Senior Deacon, William G. Bryson; W. Grand Junior Deacon, Charles A. Cook; W. Grand Senior Steward, E. E. Winn; W. Grand Junior Steward, Ed Lord; W. Grand Marshal, E. M. Palmer; W. Grand Bible Bearer, William J. Oakes; W. Grand Chaplain, Winfred W. Robinson; W. Grand Purveyor, John P. D. Mouriquand; W. Grand Tyler, Daniel S. Mitchell.

GAS EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE MINERS TODAY

(By Associated Press.)
Rich Hill, Mo., Feb. 18.—Five miners were killed by a gas explosion at the Atlas coal mine today. The officials closed the mine because of fire in the workings. Later, permission was granted to work five men at a time. The victims had just started work when the explosion occurred.

WILL NOT CALL A SPECIAL SESSION

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—President Wilson has virtually decided not to call a special session of congress, no matter what the fate of the ship bill may be. This was announced by officials today.

BRUNER'S DYING WORDS ARE BARRED

COURT REFUSED TO PERMIT
WIFE OF FORMER GUTHRIE
MAN TO GIVE TESTIMONY

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 18.—Mrs. William H. Bruner, a widow, will not be able to testify at the trial of Charles Hudson, who is being tried in the second division of the district court on the charge of killing her husband. When Ross McCormick, county attorney, tried to put Mrs. Bruner on the stand at the trial Wednesday, Judge Sargent held that she could not testify because her name had not been placed on the information in the case.

Until after the trial had started, Mr. McCormick did not know that Mr. Bruner on his death-bed had made a dying statement to his wife. He found that such was the case and that Bruner is reported to have told his wife how Charles Hudson came to shoot him. The defense objected to allowing her to testify, on the ground that it would be a surprise to them.

All the state's evidence in the case was completed about 4 o'clock, and several of the defense's witnesses were put on the stand before court adjourned. They testified as to the good character of Hudson since he has resided in Wichita.

Charles and Sam Phillips of the Arctic Ice and Cold Storage company, were the principal witnesses for the state. The shooting occurred on a dock of the ice company and the two men were near by. They testified that the men quarreled about a remark made by one of them and that Hudson called Bruner a name. Charles Phillips said that he tried to separate the men and that Bruner was killed in trying to protect himself.

EX-SHERIFF ARRESTED FOR BOOTLEGGING

McAlester, Okla., Feb. 18.—From sheriff to prisoner within a period of six weeks is the record of D. J. Tatum, for his past four years chief peace officer of Pittsburg county. A warrant for his arrest on a charge of transporting liquor was issued late today and he has been notified to appear for arraignment. His auto was intercepted near Krebs at 2 o'clock this morning, loaded with three cases of whisky. Tatum and J. L. Cottingham were in the car. Cottingham is now in jail. Tatum retired from the office of sheriff January 4.

FOREIGN TRADE NETS \$30,320,607 BALANCE

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—Foreign trade during the week ended Feb. 13, netted the United States a favorable balance of \$30,320,607, according to returns from the thirteen principal customs districts announced today by the department of commerce. Compared with the preceding week this was a decrease in the balance of \$6,813,619.

Exports last week were \$54,186,430 and imports \$23,865,823, compared with \$59,581,106 and \$22,446,850, respectively, for the week of Feb. 6. Cotton exports amounted to 284,549 bales, making the total for the last ten weeks, 2,901,981 bales.

AUTO CLUB WILL MEET AT CHAMBER TONIGHT

Every automobile owner and every business man and citizen interested in good roads should attend the meeting of the auto club at the chamber of commerce tonight. Various matters will come up for discussion and action and the good roads law now before the legislature will be explained. Come and bring your friends.

FEDERAL GRAND JURY EM- PANELLED; FAIN IN CHARGE

The federal grand jury was empaneled this morning. Judge Fain will have personal charge of the jury. More than 200 witnesses have been subpoenaed. The jury will be in session for ten days.

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GERMANY REPLIES TO U. S. NOTE

COUCHED IN FRIENDLY
TERMS, FIRM IN STAND
ALREADY TAKEN

TEUTONS DRIVE RUSSIANS FROM EASTERN PRUSSIA

LLOYD INCREASES PREMIUM
AGAINST WAR WITH U. S.
SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT
BLOCKADE ON

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, Feb. 18.—The following telegram was received from Emperor William who is on the eastern battle front today.
"The Russians are completely beaten. Our beloved east Prussia is now free from the enemy."

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The reply of Germany to the protest made by the United States against the blockade of British waters, is couched in the most friendly terms, but firmly maintains the position of Germany as already announced. The answer transmitted to the Washington note, explains that Germany's proposed action is rendered necessary by Great Britain's policy of attempting to cut off the food supply for the German civil population, by a method never before recognized in international law.

England's course in ordering merchantmen to fly neutral flags, equipping them with artillery with orders to destroy submarines, the German reply contends, renders nugatory the right of search, thus giving Germany the right to attack English shipping.

The note recommends that the United States government send warships to England to convoy merchant vessels through the danger zone as security against attack, with the understanding that the vessels thus guarded, shall carry no war supplies.

Wilson Petitioned By Women.
Washington, Feb. 18.—President Wilson today told a delegation of women who brought a petition, signed by twenty-eight thousand persons, asking that the embargo on export of war materials be ordered, said such an embargo, in his opinion, would be an unneutral act.

The reply closes with an expression of hope that the United States may prevail upon England "to return to the principles of the international law as recognized prior to the outbreak of the war" and in particular to maintain observance of the London declaration by the belligerents, opposed to Germany. If this be done the note explains, Germany will be enabled to import food supplies and the situation will be relieved.

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THE WEATHER



What Government Forecaster Reports
Via Ophelia

(By Associated Press.)
New Orleans, La., Feb. 18.—Tonight and Friday generally cloudy; colder tonight in west portion. Colder Friday.